

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 925

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Hillary Hodges and the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors Basketball team on winning the 2009-2010 TSSAA Division I-AAA State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors basketball team is one such estimable team that recently won the 2009-2010 TSSAA Division I-AAA Basketball State Tournament Championship, posting an outstanding record of thirty wins and two losses; and

WHEREAS, advancing to the State Tournament Championship game on March 13, 2010, at Murphy Center on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University, Riverdale High School captured the Division I-AAA State Girls Basketball Championship for its second title in four years in a resounding 59-42 triumph over top-ranked Morristown West High School; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Warriors are led by second-year Head Coach Hillary Hodges, a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, who has posted a record of 57-8 during her tenure at Riverdale and was voted by her peers as Head Coach of the Year in Division I-AAA for District 7; and

WHEREAS, vanquishing Cleveland, 62-41, at the Sectional level to advance to the State Tournament, the Lady Warriors proved that they had the inner strength and tenacity to win a state championship when they defeated the Lady Bears of Mt. Juliet for the second time this season, 64-63, in a double-overtime thriller to advance to the semi-finals to face Memphis Overton; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Warriors punched their ticket to the championship game with a tremendous 66-40 victory over Memphis Overton High School, with super sophomore Shacobia Barbee scoring a game-high thirty points while grabbing twenty-three rebounds, to give Riverdale their third appearance all-time in the girls' state basketball title game; and

WHEREAS, entering the State Championship game against Morristown West on a twenty-six game winning streak, the Lady Warriors of Riverdale High were led once again by Shacobia Barbee who tallied another double-double, scoring thirty points and claiming eighteen rebounds, on her way to being named the tournament's Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, the crushing 59-42 defeat of Morristown West was not an outcome easily predicted by the halftime score of 23-20, with the Lady Warriors having taken the lead into the locker room after competing a 12-4 run to end the second period; and

WHEREAS, University of Tennessee at Martin signee Jaclissa Haislip scored twelve points in the championship game, hitting three of five three-point shots, to join teammates Shacobia Barbee and Tyisha Petty on the All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, completing their season with a record of thirty wins against only two losses, the Lady Warriors also won the District 7-AAA Tournament Championship and the Region 4-AAA Championship with Lady Warriors Jaclissa Haislip and Ashley Henry claiming All-District honors as Shacobia Barbee was named District Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, the members of this extraordinary championship team are: Jaclissa Haislip, Aubrey Jernigan, Natalie Lanning, Rachel Orman, Nicole Petoskey, Candace Spurlock, Jessica Azor, Hali Boland, Caitie Bryan, Lauren Cantrell, Ashley Henry, Hannah Scott, Shacobia Barbee, Olivia Jones, and Tyisha Petty; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Head Coach Hillary Hodges' able leadership, the Riverdale Lady Warriors benefited from the distinguished guidance and basketball knowledge of Assistant Coaches Nicole Broadway, John Wild, and Shiloh Edging, as well as the hard work and support of team managers: Torrie Barbo, Haley Field, and Danita Sanders; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a memorable championship season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the court and in the classroom and this magnificent team performed with precision during the season, earning its well deserved reputation for high standards of athletic achievement, the quality of its play, and competitive spirit; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the entire coaching staff and members of the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors Basketball team upon winning the 2009-2010 TSSAA Division I-AAA State Championship and wish them continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.